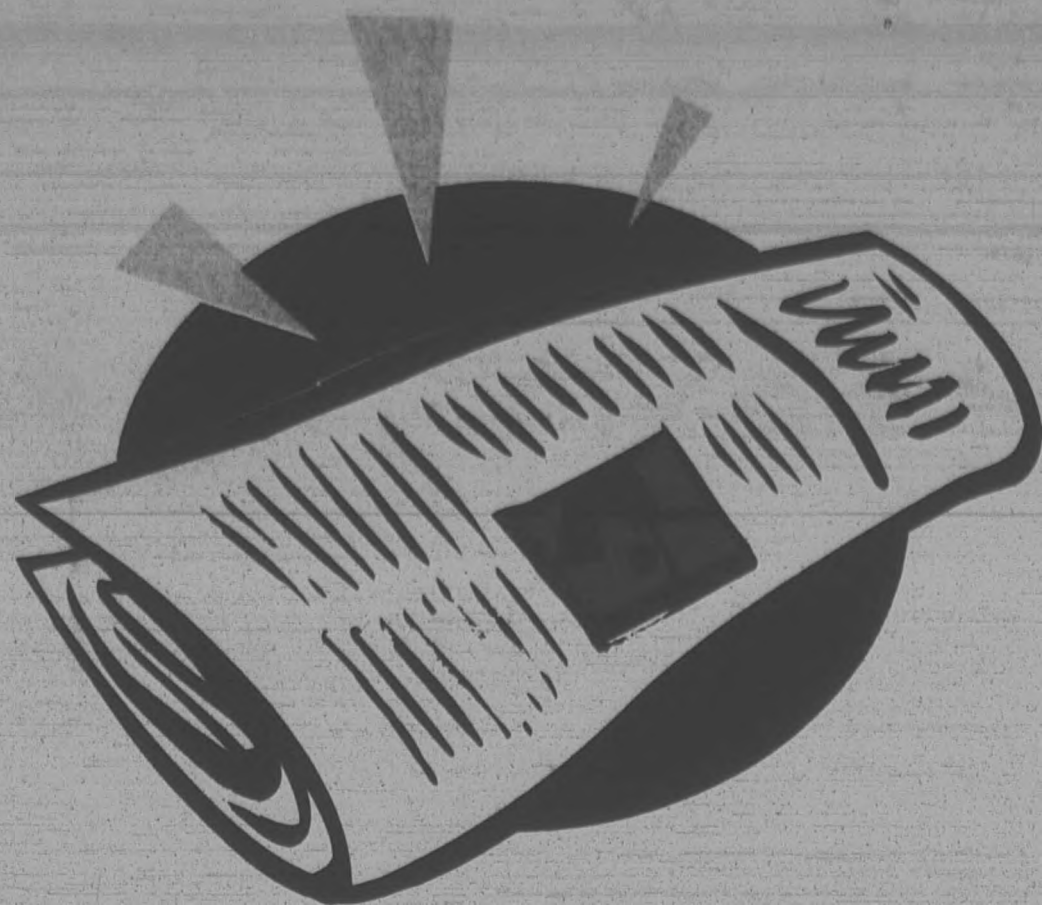


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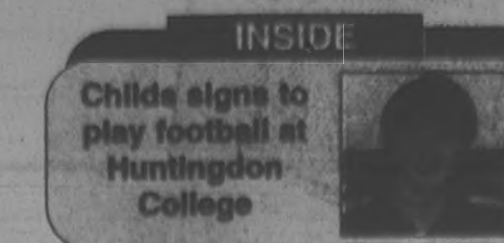
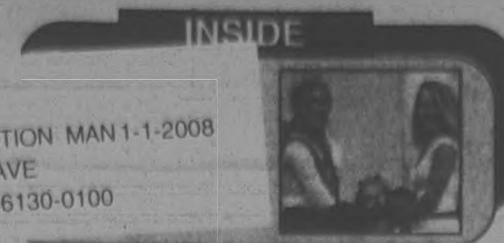
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Students return to school

Zion Chapel School holds Academic Rally

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The students and faculty of Zion Chapel School began the 2006-07 school year Monday, Aug. 7, with a very special event as the final hour of their first day of school was spent at Green Memorial Stadium.

Students filled the stands in anticipation of an Academic Pep Rally and got more than one treat during the event.

Guest speaker for the event was Bobby Jon Drinkard, a Pike County native, who received national stardom when he participated as a contestant on the reality television series, "Survivor." While addressing Zion Chapel students Monday afternoon, Drinkard encouraged them to make the best of their time in school.

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Drinkard said getting an education gives people a leverage in life they can get no other way. He also noted that while not all successful people have an education, it is a risky move to not get an education.

"As they say, the bigger the struggle, the better the reward," said Drinkard. "I challenge you (students) to give it your all no matter what your circumstances."

Drinkard said people ask him all the time, "What's the greatest thing you've ever done?" Without hesitation, he said he quickly answers that question by saying it was getting an education. He said being on television was a great opportunity that opened many doors for him, but he realizes he would have been nothing without an education.

"I've never thought we were born to lose, but I do believe we were born fortunate enough to be winners," Drinkard said. "Use this school year as your personal journey."

New Brockton Town Council votes to offer bid for Armory

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council met Monday evening, Aug. 7, for the regular monthly meeting, and voted to offer a bid to acquire the National Guard Armory in New Brockton.

Mayor Charles Cole said the town learned last year that the Armory may close and the National Guard unit move somewhere else. He said the

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Two Elba residents face various charges in Covington County

by Stephanie Nelson

Andalusia Star News

Two Elba residents are in the Covington County Jail Monday on charges of kidnapping, robbery and theft of property after robbing the driver at gun point and leaving him stranded in Covington County.

According to a spokesman for the Covington County Sheriff's Office, the incident occurred on Friday, July 19, when 21-year-old Shannon Hooks and 20-year-old Brandon Wilson allegedly kidnapped and held 22-year-old Daniel Baxley of Elba, driver of the vehicle, at gun point before leaving him stranded.

"The way it happened was that the two asked the victim for a ride," the CCSO spokesman said. "They pulled a pistol on him and told the victim to go where we tell you to go. They drove from Elba to here and left the victim on a dirt road here in Covington County, taking the victim's car."

The spokesman said the vehicle, a 2002 Nissan Maxima, was recovered in Sea of Orange, Texas, Friday when authorities pulled the vehicle over during a traffic stop. As a result of the traffic stop, both Hooks and Wilson were arrested, and the vehicle was recovered and returned to Baxley by the Sheriff's Office.

"Apparently everyone involved knew each other but hadn't seen one another in some time," the spokesman said. "He just gave these guys a ride, doing a nice thing. Things change and people change. People really need to be careful. Anything can happen."

The motive behind the incident remains unknown, the spokesman said. Hooks and Wilson were charged with robbery, kidnapping and theft of property and each held on an \$80,000 bond.

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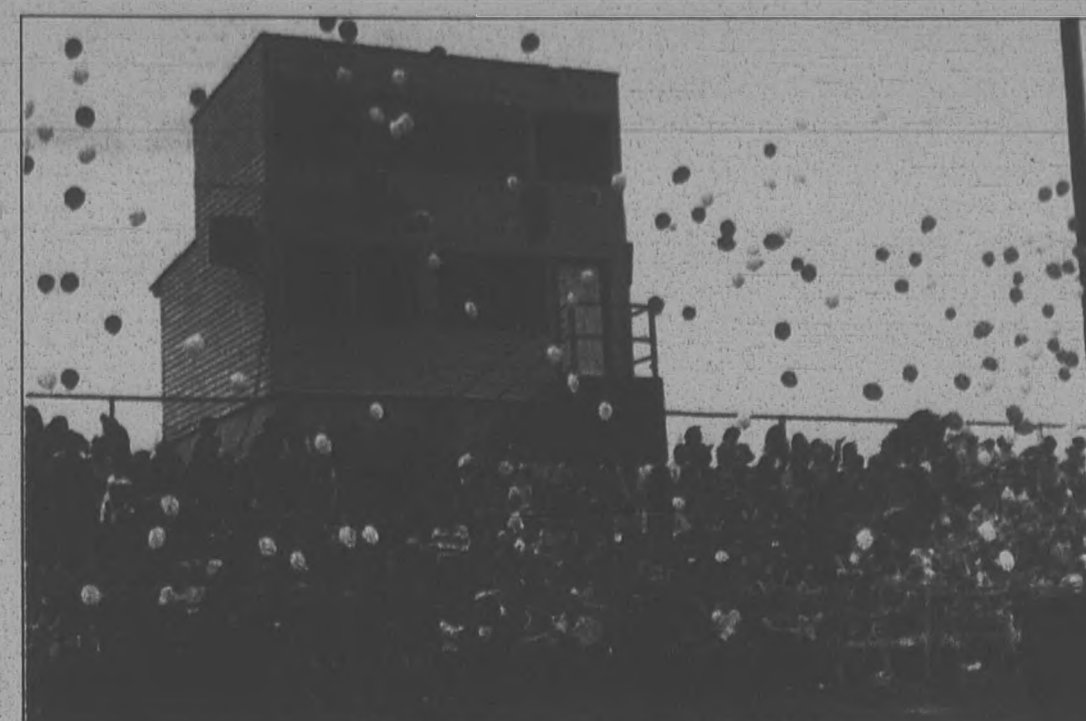
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Above: Zion Chapel students participated in the Academic Rally held Monday afternoon, Aug. 7, at Green Memorial Stadium on campus as they released red and white balloons in celebration. The release of balloons came at the conclusion of guest speaker Bobby Jon Drinkard's address to students.

Right: The Academic Pep Rally began Monday afternoon with a very special arrival of Vice Principal Bob Hartwell as he was delivered to the field by helicopter. The students cheered as the helicopter approached the field splitting the uprights of the goalpost next to the scoreboard before landing. The aircraft used for Hartwell's flight came from Ozark, Ala. Both Hartwell and the pilot were greeted by ZC Principal Jerry Barnes. Hartwell encouraged students to work hard to show everyone Zion Chapel is number one. He said school officials are doubling their efforts to ensure the children will leave Zion Chapel Schools ready to meet the global challenges they may face.



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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Things don't look any better this week than last week in the Middle-East situation. It is awful easy for us to pass it off as "they have been fighting throughout history." However, if we stop and think a moment a big question arises. All sides are claiming to be doing God's work. We have Jews, Christians and Muslims killing each other in the name of their God. Yet we each worship the same God, and we have heard time and time again about Him being a God of Love. It will take someone much smarter, and with more patience, than this writer to explain that one where folks like us can understand . . . or even accept all of the above as reasonable and true.

The politicians are getting back from vacation. Our e-mail volume is beginning to pick up as statewide office candidates tout their strong points and/or blast the perceived weaknesses of the candidate from the "other" party. This is August, the general election is not until November. That means we still have three months of being bombarded with all that "vital" information. Funny, but we already know our voting plans for November, and it will be a major move for us to change.

Schools are back in session in Coffee County and that means our darling children are boarding and getting off buses; running, meeting Mother at the car, etc., five days a week. Please join us in being extremely watchful - and patient - while giving these local treasures a chance to grow into cautious, productive adults.

We hope you will ride by Evergreen Cemetery and see the progress on the neat fence being installed along both sides of the highway. When the project is completed and you get the chance, express your feelings to the family which is donating this nice addition to the Elba community.

We claim to be a flag waving family and of course think our grandchildren are the smartest, best looking ones in town. Many of our friends tend to put theirs in first place and frankly that is as it should be done. Right now you are in for a bit of bragging from a strutting granddaddy. On a visit to Elba this past weekend our soon-to-be three year old was reciting the Pledge of Allegiance . . . correctly. We were even more impressed in the fact that his six year old sister is the one who had taught him the words. Neither of them quiver at including "under God" in their recitation of the pledge. Of course a three-year-old (and to a lesser degree - a six year old) does not yet understand the words he is repeating, but that will come - sooner rather than later. The mind of a child is like a sponge and adults have an awesome responsibility to help them soak up the right kinds of useful information.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, July 31, 2006, investigated the following incidents: one theft of property, three for criminal mischief, one domestic violence, one attempted rape, one private property accident, one vehicle accident, two for harassment, one cat scratch, one harassing communication and one giving false information.

The following arrests were made: three for failure to appear, two for harassment, one for domestic violence and one for criminal trespassing. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: seven for not wearing a seat belt, two for a suspended driver's license, one for an expired tag, one for loud noise and six for speeding.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, JULY 31 - Possible domestic disturbance reported at 140 Plant Ave. (4:54 p.m.); Disturbance (4-wheelers) reported on County Rd. 407 (7:40 p.m.).

TUESDAY, AUG. 1 - Domestic disturbance reported on Hwy. 84 at the stop sign on County Rd. 501 (12:15 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 12004 Hwy. 125 N. (7:10 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Thames Bridge on County Rd. 306 (2:54 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 2 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Fred's Dollar Store (1:10 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the parking lot of Mr. Henry's (7:43 p.m.); Wreck reported at Dairy Queen on

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Ribbon cutting ceremony held at New Brockton High School

A long-awaited celebration became reality last Thursday evening, Aug. 3, at New Brockton High School when a ribbon cutting ceremony was held celebrating the recently completed building renovation project. A large crowd gathered as school officials were joined by several local dignitaries for the ceremony. Also participating in the ceremony was the New Brockton High School Band. Following the ribbon cutting, those in attendance were invited inside for refreshments. Above: Coffee County School Board members and other dignitaries gather for the ribbon cutting as New Brockton High School principal Dale Kelley addresses those in attendance.



MAKING IT OFFICIAL...Following remarks by New Brockton High School principal Dale Kelley (left) last Thursday evening, Aug. 3, the ribbon was cut in celebration of the building renovation project being complete at New Brockton High School. The main focus of this renovation project included improvements to the exterior portion of the building. Those given the honor of cutting the ribbon were: Miss New Brockton Alexa Adams, Little Miss New Brockton Annley Padgett, New Brockton High School SGA president Tori Stone and Dot Hayes, a 1936 graduate of New Brockton High School.

Crossover Ministry plans Gospel Singing for Saturday, Aug. 12th

Crossover Ministry, Opp, Ala., will hold a Gospel Singing Saturday, Aug. 12, beginning at 11 a.m.

Several groups and singers will be featured during this event. Admission will be one non-perishable food item.

BULLETIN BOARD

• **ABUSING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES THROUGH CHRIST A.R.M.S.** addiction recovery ministry services - Thurs. 7 p.m. - Ino Baptist Church. Website: www.inobaptist.com
• **ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP** - every Tuesday at 6 p.m. - Shiloh Baptist Church of Elba - Call 897-5037 for more information.
• **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** Courtroom: 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-721-2123.
• **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall.
• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall.
• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
• **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom.
• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.
• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center.
• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 2nd Tues. 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office.
• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
• **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.
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• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858.
• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House.
• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Po Folks, Enterprise.
• **ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Thursday at 5 PM, the FBO office at the Airport.
• **AAAP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I would like to first say that because of your newspaper my grandfather received his military plaque. Because you wrote of my search for my grandfather's grave, Elba resident J. J. Smart went to Hayes Funeral Home and showed Heath where my grandfather is buried.

Jess Smart had attended Horace Stanton's funeral and according to Mrs. Smart, J. J.'s mother was a sister to Horace's father, Benjamin "Frank" Stanton. J. J. read the newspaper and showed the physical location of Horace Stanton's grave to Heath and he also informed Heath that the unmarked grave next to my grandfather is the first born baby, James Harold Stanton, my uncle! The baby was born and also died April 1934. I knew about the baby but did not know where he was buried.

We are so blessed by your work and for Heath Wyrodsick of Hayes Funeral Home who has worked for three years to try and find this grave. He ordered, received, and placed the military plaque of James Horace Stanton which honored our family and Horace's service to his country. I am forever grateful for everyone who has blessed our life by honoring our grandfather and for helping to make this prayer come true. It is finished!

I thank you all so very much. I do not know why this was so important to me as I never knew Horace. I have never even seen a picture of him. And even though I can't explain why, I am so very happy to have Horace have his military plaque.

May the grace of God shine his face upon you.
Thank you!
Taryn Gowin
P.O. Box 75021
OKC, OK 73147

On behalf of officers and members of the Elba Troy University Club, I would like to thank the merchants and individuals who helped sponsor our recent golf tournament/fund raiser and the golfers who participated. This year's annual Ran King memorial tournament generated over \$40,000. All of which will go towards scholarships for local students who

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Obituaries

ODESSA DANIELS ROBINSON

Mrs. Odessa Daniels Robinson, age 58, of Troy, Ala., died Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2006. She was born June 12, 1948 to Deacon John "Jack" Daniels and the late Mother Mardie Lee Daniels.

Funeral services were held at Harris Temple COGIC, Elba. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Willie "Pete" Daniels; and a brother-in-law, Jessie (Juanita) Robinson.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Henry Robinson Sr.; two children: Bill Henry Robinson Jr. (Rhonda) and Cassandra "Gayle" Jordan (Bobby), all of Elba; four grandchildren: Dancesha Shanny Jordan, Franklin Da "Quan" Jordan and William "Braxton" Robinson, all of Elba, and Apollonia Landrum, Andalusia, Ala.; a mother-in-law, Martha J. Robinson; seven brothers-in-law: Tommy (Mary Helen) Robinson, Andrew (Alene) Robinson, Eddie (Mabel) Robinson, Abraham Robinson, Freddie (Rolanda)

Robinson, Robert (Evelyn) Robinson, all of Elba, Willie Robinson, Clarksville, Tenn.; two sisters-in-law: Mary L. Coleman and Rena (Quincy "Q. T.") Turner, both of Elba.

HARRY C. BRIDGETTE
Rev. Harry C. Bridgette died Friday, July 28, 2006.

Funeral services were held from Pleasant Shade Worship Center, Enterprise, with burial in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Enterprise. Hammond Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife: Anne Bridgette; two daughters: Sharon (Daveron) Walker and

Teresa (Dwayne) Townsend; two sons: Ronald (Katrina) and Clay (Sherrie) Bridgette; his grandchildren: Candice, Jamelle, Morgan, Maignan, Ronnie, Jr., and Jourdan; his sisters: Gloria, Patricia, Patty and Sandy; his brothers: Joseph, Richard, Bruce and Martin; his brothers-in-law: Kenneth (Alpha), Raymond (Vernie) and Arthur Ray Snelland; and a host of other relatives.

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LIGHT LUNCH AT THE SENIOR CENTER

12:30 P.M. - KINISON
LUNCH AT GRANNY TREDY'S RESTAURANT

2:00 P.M. - PINE HAVEN
WATERMELON AT THE SENIOR CENTER

3:45 P.M. - ZION CHAPEL
DRINKS, ICE CREAM AND PIZZA AT THE RIBBEL NATION

4:45 P.M. - VICTORIA
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LIFESTYLES



Pictured left to right: Little Miss Summer Pappas, Miss Sandi Jordan, Miss Kimberly Jordan-honoree, Mrs. Kathie Giles and Ms. Janie Allen

Miss Kimberly Jordan honored with miscellaneous bridal shower Sunday, August 6

Miss Kimberly Jordan, bride-elect of Mr. Warren Giles, was honored with a miscellaneous shower at the Olde South Inn on Sunday afternoon, August 6, 2006. White wicker bells tied with ecor satin ribbon and a swag of magnolias hung over the double front doors. The doors were flanked by ivy topiaries, ferns, and white tulle bows tied to wrought iron hanging lanterns. Ms. Janie Allen greeted the guests and directed them to the registry table, which held a crystal vase filled with Alstroemeria Lilies and baby's breath tied with a periwinkle satin bow. Mrs. Cassy Jordan, sister-in-law of the honoree, and her daughter, Miss Summer Pappas, attended the registry. Guests were then presented to Miss Kimberly Jordan, the honoree.

Miss Sandi Jordan, mother of the honoree, and Mrs. Sam Giles, mother of the future groom. Guests were directed into the dining room where petit fours, cheese straws, seasonal fruit, and dips with crackers were served from a table covered with a white hand cross stitched cloth. The table was centered with a massive arrangement of blue hydrangeas and daisies in a silver bowl resting on a crystal pedestal. In the living room, Miss Kara Giles, sister of the future groom, presided over the silver punch service. An ornate crystal candelabra also accented the punch table. After enjoying refreshments, the guests visited and viewed the wide assortment of gifts displayed throughout the spacious Inn. Hostesses for the occasion were Ms. Janie Allen, Mrs. Pam Baker, Mrs. Sam Giles, Mrs. Charlotte Clark, Mrs. Myrna Cotton, Mrs. Heddy Cox, Ms. Lucia Grantham, Mrs. Henrietta Grimes, Miss Lisa Grimes, Mrs. Chris Head, Mrs. Jean Helms, Mrs. Susan Jackson, Mrs. Jana Kelley, Mrs. Theresa Kelley, Mrs. Renae Lambert, Mrs. Susan Lawford, Mrs. Mary Alice Lee, Mrs. Lyn Lewis, Mrs. Marianne Marler, Mrs. Deloris Marsh, Mrs. Elaine Martin, Mrs. Doris Matthews, Mrs. Valerie Moore, Mrs. Susan Nunn, Mrs. Marsha Oggs, Mrs. Nadine Scarborough, Mrs. Kathy Smith, Mrs. Sara Strong, Mrs. Lillian Taylor, Mrs. Betty Vaughan, and Mrs. Candace Vaughan.



Jaysa Alyse Messer
Jaysa Alyse Messer is one year old

Jaysa Alyse Messer was honored by her mom, Beth Rivera, in their home on Friday, July 28, 2006 for her first birthday. The yard was adorned with multi-colored balloons and a banner of "Happy Birthday" welcomed everyone as they arrived.

Family and friends enjoyed grilled hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, drinks, and a theme birthday cake of "The Wiggles." Everyone chimed in on the "Happy Birthday to you" song as Jaysa dove into her cake. Video and pictures were taken and presents opened as the party came to an end.

Jaysa also enjoyed a party held earlier in the week hosted by her dad, J. D. Messer, at the Lynn Haven City Park in Florida. The guests tried their skills at knocking down the birthday piñata.

Proud grandparents are Debra Conner-Rivers of Elba, Ala., Simon and Belinda Rivera, Jr. of San Antonio, TX, Craig and Mary Jo Rizzuto of Panama City, FL, and David and Charlene Messer of Lynn Haven, FL. Jaysa was fortunate to have her great-grandmother Betty "Nonie" Coon of Elba, Ala., at her first birthday party.

Coffee County Republican Committee to meet

The Coffee County Republican Committee invites everyone to attend their monthly meeting, August 15th, 6 PM at Po-Folks restaurant in Enterprise. For information call Joan Ayer at 347-1856.

Mr. Witherspoon and Miss Hall were united in holy matrimony on Saturday, May 20th

On Saturday, May 20th, 2006 at 4 p.m., Anna Fallon Hall and Bradley Mark Witherspoon were united in holy matrimony. Reverend John McCrummen performed the double ring ceremony at Open Door Baptist Church in Enterprise, Ala. She was given in marriage by her parents, Kenneth and Janice Hall.

The church was beautifully decorated inside and outside with white satin bows, lots of tulle, white kissing balls, beautiful green lush ferns, hurricane lamps, pewter candle trees with silver candles, and of course, the gorgeous lavender, Tropicana and hot pink roses (the bride's chosen colors) which were fashioned into beautiful arrangements and bridesmaids' bouquets.

The bride was beautiful in a white strapless gown of satin with crystal beading around the bodice and also cascading down the center and outer edges of the chapel length train. The bride chose a finger-tip veil with simple beading accents and a princess tiara. An antique Austrian crystal necklace and earrings belonging to the bride's Aunt Myra completed the look of simple elegance. The bride carried a bouquet of white roses and eucalyptus.

The bride's attendants were dressed in two-piece outfits of tropic blue grained satin in either a strapless or halter top with a tea length softly gathered skirt. Clear backless pumps with tropic blue accents completed the outfits.

The flower girl and bell ringer were precious dressed in full length fluffy white princess styled dresses with tropic blue sashes and they wore white floral halo style headpieces with white streaming ribbons. White satin slippers completed their fairy princess look.

The bride's attendants were: Maid of honor, Jamie Waters of Newberry, North Carolina; Bridesmaids: Amber Morris, Port Charlotte, FL; Rhonda Spears, Wicksburg, AL, friends of the bride; Amy Parker of Cataula, GA, sister of the groom; Junior bridesmaid, Kaori Amarilla of Birmingham, AL, cousin of the bride; Flower girl, Olivia Parker, and bell ringer, Sara Beth Parker, Cataula, GA, nieces of the groom.

The groom was very handsome in his black tux with platinum tie and vest. His groomsmen were also dressed in black tuxes with white vests and tropic blue ties as was the junior groomsmen and ring bearer.

The groom's father, Mr. Del Witherspoon, served as best man. The groomsmen were: John Brown of Montgomery, AL, friend of the groom; Chris Hall, Enterprise, AL, brother of the bride; Reverend Brad Parker, Cataula, GA, brother-in-law of the groom; junior groomsmen, Jordan McDaniel, ring bearer, Connor McDaniel of Elba, AL, cousins of the bride.

The mother of the bride was dressed in a smoky blue two piece full length dress and a jacket with silver sequin accents. The mother of the groom was very stylish in a two piece full length dress and a jacket in seafoam with crystal beading accenting the jacket.

Miyoko Kelley, cousin of the bride, presided over the registry table, which held engraved voice candles in memory and in honor of grandparents. Pat and Jerry Goodson, aunt and uncle of the bride, greeted the guests at the entrance of the church. Beautiful programs for the ceremony, designed by Laurie Chapman of Elba, AL, were handed to each guest.

Myra Kelley and Beverly McDaniel welcomed the guests to the reception, which was immediately following the ceremony. The reception started with a lead-up introduction of the wedding party as they entered into the Family Life Center of the church, which was tastefully decorated and carried the colors of white, Tropicana, lavender and hot pink. A uniquely designed buffet with



Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Mark Witherspoon

white linens and silver appointments held scrumptious salads, croissants filled with ham and turkey, a variety of delicious hot and cold dips and spreads, open-face BLTs, assorted crackers, beautiful and tasty fruit and vegetable trays and strawberries dipped in chocolate were available for the guests and a pineapple and floral arrangement (the caterer, Vicky Harrison's signature) also adorned the table. Flowing golden delicious punch and piping hot coffee was served by Tabitha Walden, friend of the bride.

The groom's table held a three tiered chocolate cake with bow tie accents and was topped with grapes and strawberries. The bride's table held a four tiered round wedding cake with interesting designs embossed into the frosting around the sides of each layer. Live doves in the bride's chosen colors were delicately placed between each layer and the top layer held two white porcelain doves. The cake was a masterpiece by Mrs. Sara Lee Stokes with the help of Teresa Huff who arranged the roses. Melissa McDaniel, cousin of the bride, served the cake.

The guests received clear cylinders (filled with bubbles) accented with blue and white ribbons to use when the couple departed. They also received chocolates with the bride and groom's name and wedding date on them.

Mrs. Gwynn Gatlin was the pianist and she provided beautiful music for the ceremony and the reception. Mickey Counts and Paul Jenkins did a wonderful rendition of "God Bless the Broken Road" and "I'll Be Here" during the ceremony.

Mrs. Becky Arnold of Ozark, AL, friend of the family, did a splendid job of directing the wedding. All of the ceremony and the fellowship of the reception was captured on film by Moseley's Studio of Elba, AL.

After honeymooning in Haiti, Jamaica, The Grand Cayman and Cozumel, the couple is at home in Enterprise, AL.

Prenuptial Parties:

The ladies of Open Door Baptist Church, Mrs. Gisela Humble, Mrs. Pat Jackson, and Ms. Audrey Ledbetter hosted a bridal shower on March 18, 2006 honoring the bride in the Family Life Center of the church.

On April 1, 2006 from 10:30 a.m. until 12 p.m. a miscellaneous bridal tea honoring the bride-elect was hosted at the beautiful home of Mrs. Carolyn Moates of Enterprise, AL. An array of delectable party dainties were served. Hostess helping hand was Mrs. Becky Arnold, Susan Bredt, Sheryl Cooper, Nona Cooper, Sue Bryan, Myra Kelley, Patsy Goodson, Judy Hall, Agnes Wilson, Martha Ann Parker, Shannon Gibbs, Velma Moore, Charlotte Anderson, Faye

McCrory, Bea Fuentes, Barbara Young, Dee Hopkins, Audrey Ledbetter and Barbara Sullivan. Bob and Barbara Oliver hosted a tool party Sunday afternoon, April 18, honoring the groom. A very tasty BBQ meal was served and many useful tools received.

On May 6 at 5 p.m., Melissa McDaniel and Rhonda Spears hosted a lingerie shower at McLin's Restaurant in Daleville, AL. A time of fun and food was enjoyed by all.

On May 14, the accounting department at the groom's workplace, Enterprise Electronics, hosted a luncheon for the couple at McLin's Restaurant in Daleville, AL. A summertime, outdoor theme was carried out.

On May 19, Sarah Griggs and Sheila Kalahan hosted a bridesmaid luncheon at the beautiful home of Mrs. Kalahan in Enterprise, AL. A delicious lunch of salads was served and unique handmade party favors were presented to the attendees by Ms. Griggs, great-aunt of the bride.

The groom's parents, Del and Ruth Witherspoon, hosted a delightful rehearsal dinner May 19 at 7:15 p.m. at The Rawls Restaurant in Enterprise, AL. It was enjoyed by all the wedding party and guests.

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LIFESTYLES

Logan-Clark wedding held in Blakely Georgia on July 22



Mr. & Mrs. Henry Dowe Clark, Jr.

Jennie Crawford Logan and Henry Dowe Clark, Jr. were married on Saturday, July 22, 2006 at the First United Methodist Church in Blakely, Georgia. The ceremony was held at 10:30 a.m. Reverend Martin Gray of Elba, Alabama officiated. A seated brunch followed at the bride's parent's home. The wedding was a small, elegant, family affair.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Crawford of Blakely, Georgia. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. Newell Wilson and Mrs. Newell Wilson of Preston, Georgia and Mrs. Martha McDonald of Plains, Georgia.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dowe Clark, Sr. of Elba, Alabama. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Locklar of New Brockton, Alabama and the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clark of Elba, Alabama.

The bride was given in marriage by her son, Crawford Taft Logan on behalf of her family. She wore a lovely ivory gown embellished with pearls. She carried a bouquet of stargazer lilies.

Mr. Henry Clark, father of the groom, served as best man, Crawford Taft Logan and Robert Clark Logan, nephew of the groom, served as ushers.

Following the honeymoon to Nassau, Bahamas, the couple now resides in Elba, Alabama.

Nona Cooper to be honored with birthday reception

You are cordially invited to a reception honoring Mrs. Nona Cooper on the occasion of her 80th birthday, on Saturday, August 19, 2006 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Old South Inn

located 717 West Davis Street, Elba, Alabama.

Your presence will be your gift.

Classes begin at EOCC on August 18

Opening day of fall semester at Enterprise-Ozark Community College is approaching fast. Students who haven't registered yet are encouraged to do so in order to get their desired courses.

Classes are already filling up fast. Classes begin on August 18. For more information about how to register, go online at www.eocc.edu, or call the Enterprise Campus at (334) 347-2623, the Ozark Aviation Campus at (334)774-5113, or the Fort Rucker Site at (334) 598-3438.

Marcus Taylor receives degree from Dana College recently

Marcus Taylor of Zion Chapel was among the 98 graduates who received their degrees during Dana College's commencement ceremony Saturday, May 20, in the Gardner-Hawks Center. Taylor graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in

History for Secondary Teachers. He is the son of David and Glenda Taylor of Elba, Ala.



Bottom Row, left to right: Peggy Carroll Stroud, Sue Searcy Morrow, Ralphine Martin George, Peggy Sue Locklar Barnett, Margaret Lott Howell, June Hornsby Ewell, Jane Spinks Burkett, Lou Ellen Jackson Meredith.

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New Brockton High School Class of 1956 celebrates 50 year class reunion on June 24

The New Brockton High School Class of 1956 held their 50 year class reunion on June 23 and June 24, 2006.

On Friday evening, the class had a party at the home of a classmate, Peggy Moore.

On Saturday morning they attended a brunch at the Christian Fellowship Center

along with the classes of 1952

through 1958. On Saturday evening, the group met at the Senior Citizens Center in New Brockton.

Of the surviving thirty-two class members, thirty-one attended the reunion. The only member unable to attend was Betty Shackelford Gross.

A memorial was held for the three deceased members,

Charlotte Baker Weeks, Fran Snellgrove Parker, and James Parker.

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Miss Belcher & Mr. Brookins

Miss Belcher and Mr. Brookins to wed September 30

John and Gilda Belcher of Troy, Alabama announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Leanne Belcher of Troy, Alabama, to Adam Reeves Brookins of Troy, Alabama, formerly of Elba, the son of Charles and Cynthia Brookins of Cottonwood, Alabama, and Tom and Judy Melo of Elba, Alabama.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Weleska Fay Weeks and the late Marcus Eugene Weeks of Westville, Florida, and the late John Wrisdon Belcher and the late Mrs. Alice Francis Belcher of Troy, Alabama.

Emily is a 2001 graduate of Charles Henderson High School in Troy and attended Troy University. She currently has her real estate license and is pursuing a career in real estate marketing.

Adam is the grandson of Luverne Brookins and the late Ernie Brookins of Cottonwood, Alabama and William and Jean Scarborough of Elba, Alabama.

No local invitations will be sent. All friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend.

Coffee County Republican Committee to meet

The Coffee County Republican Committee invites everyone to attend their monthly meeting, August 15th, 6 PM at Po-Folks restaurant in Enterprise. For information call Joan Ayer at 347-1856.

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The wedding date is set for August 19, 2006 at 6 p.m. at The Marriott Grand National in Opelika, Alabama.

Tuition is same low fee for fall at EOCC

This fall, Enterprise-Ozark Community College will offer tuition and fees at the same low rate of \$90 per credit hour. When compared to local universities with a rate of \$165 per credit hour, it pays to get the first two years of a four-year degree at EOCC. And save more by using less gas to drive to school. In addition to the Enterprise Campus, general education courses are also offered at the Ozark Aviation Campus and the Fort Rucker Site. The cost is low; the time is right; fall semester begins August 18. For more information go online at www.eocc.edu or call the Enterprise Campus at (334) 347-2623, the Ozark Aviation Campus at (334)774-5113, or the Fort Rucker Site at (334) 598-3438.

New student housing complex being made ready on Troy Campus

"Troy University officials have broken ground on a new student housing complex that will add 524 beds to the Troy Campus."

In partnership between the University and the Troy University Foundation, the complex will be located adjacent to Clements Hall on nearly six acres of land and will consist of four four-story residence halls.

"This construction reflects the continued growth Troy University has seen in recent years," said Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. "For the past several years, we have reached or exceeded our capacity to provide on-campus student housing. This new facility will provide not only top-quality residences but also enhances our ability to better serve our students."

Our on-campus housing needs have far exceeded our capacity and we're glad to join with the Foundation in offering state-of-the-art living facilities to our students.

The residence halls form a student housing village designed to be an integrated living and learning community to promote academics and student social interaction. A multi-purpose room with an attached kitchen, a convenience store, laundry facilities, a game room and a fitness center are among the items included in the complex. Music rooms and a computer lab are also incorporated into the design.

"At TROY, we want our students to have the very best college experience," said Dr. John Schmidt, senior vice chancellor for student affairs. "Certainly top-quality living facilities combined with strong academics and quality student life activities complete that experience."

The complex is expected to take a year to complete.

Cutts-Hall vows planned

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SPORTS

Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I went with my teenager on a trip to buy school clothes one day last weekend and was very impressed that she too looked at the price tags first and actually hunted for bargains at all the stores we visited. She went back shopping the next day with her older sister and bought a few items she failed to find the day before, but all in all the shopping wasn't that painful for my feet, or my wallet.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** This week we are taking a look at the regions our area teams must compete in this season in football, and there is no doubt the Elba Tigers have the roughest road to the playoffs. The Tigers are expected to have a different look and should be much more physical than a year ago when they allowed over 25 points a game. However, they will be in the same region with defending state champ Pike County, long time 4A power Geneva and 3A power Straughn, not to mention Slocumb and Headland. Elba has slipped into the playoffs as the fourth seed each of the past two seasons while competing in the 2A ranks, but this year there will be no slipping in and the Tigers will have to fight each and every week just to survive.

*** New Brockton remained in its same region, but this season G.W. Long will take the place of Elba, and that has to give the Gamecocks and their faithful high hopes for a trip to the post-season party. Houston Academy and Cottonwood have been the big boys in the region for the past two seasons and should be again while the #3 spot in the region should be up for grabs between the Gamecocks, Houston County, Wicksburg and G.W. Long. With such a fight going on for the third and fourth spots it should be an exciting season for the teams in the playoff picture.

*** Brantley is back in its same region and should once again have no problem winning the eight-team region and earning the home field advantage in the playoffs. Florida should be down after three solid years and may not be a contender, while Arton and Zion Chapel may both have a solid shot at moving into the runner-up position. Kinston, McKenzie, Pleasant Home and Providence Christian will beat up on each other and get some wins. However, the top four sports should be filled by the same folks as always, just in a different order.

*** The preseason high school football poll came out last week with Brantley and Pike County both picked as the top teams in their respective classes. Brantley lost in the 1A state finals a year ago and since Addison moved up the Bulldogs were the logical choice to head up the poll, while in 3A circles Pike County made it look easy last season and should be loaded again. The sports writers did a good job of picking the teams, and the only changes I would have made would have been to have 5A state champ Homewood ranked higher in its first year in 6A, Briarwood atop the 5A list over perennial runner-up Russellville, Geneva higher in the 3A poll and Hazlewood higher in 1A.

*** The city officials over in Dothan were a little upset a few weeks back when they weren't awarded the Southeast Regional Basketball Tournament by the Alabama High School Athletic Association, but even the biggest Dothan supporters had to admit the lack of seating at the Civic Center would have caused a headache. Last week the same folks were very much upset when it was announced the Dothan Eagle/Dothan Progress Holiday Prep Classic would be moving from Dothan and would be held at the Civic Center, in Ozark. The annual high school basketball tournament had been a fixture in Dothan for 23 years, but in recent years fans have been turned away due to the lack of seating and this decision was made to make the move. Dothan's Civic Center seats 1,924 for basketball, while Ozark's center seats only for 2,060. That is room for over 1,000 extra fans each and every night of the week long event, and that means big bucks for the schools that take part. Maybe now the Dothan officials will finally sit down and realize the Civic Center has seen its better days and is now little more than a convention center for small gatherings, and will make plans to build a new sports arena out of the downtown area.

*** In closing... My die-hard Auburn football fan dropped by over the weekend and for the first time all summer didn't have on an Auburn t-shirt. He did have on a ragged Auburn hat and said he just wanted me to know he did have other shirts in his closet. I assured him I could also get him a few caps that didn't have the "AU" symbol on it, and will find a few this week just so people that don't know him won't get the wrong impression.

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For football and cheerleading

Friday is final day for youth to register in Elba

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation announced this week that registration for youth football and cheerleading for the upcoming Tri-County Youth Football League season will end on Friday, August 11, at 5:00 PM.

"We have a good number of youth signed up for both football and cheerleading," said Elba Recreation Director Ricky Mularz, "and it isn't fair for the coaches or players to practice for weeks and then have new team members sign up at the last minute. The cheerleaders must also order their uniforms and if the uniforms are to be ready by the opening of the season they must be ordered weeks in advance. Forms were passed out at the schools this week and every student should have received one. We hope we add players and cheerleaders this week. However, after Friday it will simply be too late."

The league will kick off its season on Saturday, Sept. 9, and will consist of a six-game regular season schedule and a Super Bowl for the top four teams in each age division. Teams in the league include Elba, New



CHILDS SIGNS WITH HUNTINGDON... Former Zion Chapel multi-sport athlete Abe Childs (center) made it official recently when he signed a football grant-in-aid to play at Huntingdon College, in Montgomery. Pictured with Childs at the signing were Zion Chapel Head Coach Harry Lees (left) and assistant coach Thomas Boswell (right).

New Brockton to form youth sports group

The City of New Brockton Recreation Department is promoting the organization of a new club to support all youth sports programs sponsored by the department. Programs include football, baseball, softball, cheerleading and basketball.

The New Brockton Youth Sports Association will hold an organizational meeting on Monday, Aug. 14, at 7 p.m., at City Hall. Anyone interested in supporting the efforts of this new association is invited and strongly encouraged to attend this important meeting.

Free trees available in August for joining the Arbor Day Foundation

Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during August 2006.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Tree for America campaign. "The white flowering dogwoods will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhood," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "Dogwoods have showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries which attract songbirds all winter."

"The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between October 15 and December 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care."

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to TEN DOGWOODS, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by August 31, 2006. Or join online at www.arborday.org.

PRE-SEASON FOOTBALL GAMES

Elba vs. Geneva County

Zion Chapel vs. Goshen

New Brockton vs. Arton

Brantley vs. Hillcrest

Kinston, in four-team jamboree

Read All About It...
The Elba Clipper "Sports"

Brockton, Zion Chapel, Luverne, Brantley, Goshen, Highland Home and Arton. The league includes three age divisions: Midget, ages 6-8; TeeWee, ages 9-10; and PeeWee, ages 11-12. A players age will be determined by his age on August 1, 2006. Weight limits are also in effect for running backs and linemen.

The registration fee is \$25 per player, with a \$60 maximum fee for the cheerleaders are \$25 per person, with a maximum fee of \$60 for a family with more than two cheerleaders. Cheerleaders will be responsible for their squad uniforms, but will receive pom poms that they are allowed to keep when the season ends.

For more information contact the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation, 764 North Claxton Avenue, Elba, Alabama. Phone number is 897-6833, and forms are available at the Recreation Center, City Hall and the Elba City Pool.

Childs chooses Huntingdon College

Abe Childs of Jack, Alabama, signed a letter of intent recently to play football for Huntingdon College, in Montgomery, Alabama. Abe Childs is the son of Alan and Trish Childs of Jack, Alabama. Abe has played sports since he was four years old for Zion Chapel and enjoys football, baseball, and basketball.

Abe will carry a 4.0 GPA with

him to Huntingdon and will attend a four year pre-engineering program. This will culminate into a BS degree in mathematics from Huntingdon. He will then pursue a Masters Degree in aerospace engineering from Auburn University. Abe hopes to play sports at Auburn during this time. Abe would like to thank all of his teachers, friends, and also his parents, who have helped him and encouraged him throughout his years at Zion Chapel.

"I want to do my best, not only for me, but for my community, friends, and family," said Abe. "I want to thank Coach Lees for his leadership and for his confidence in me. Coach Lees is not only my coach but my teacher and my friend."

Steven Davis continues domination of Viper Series at South Alabama Speedway

By Mark Chisum

Steven Davis continued his domination of South Alabama Speedway's Pro Late Model Viper Series Saturday night. Davis picked up his second win in three series races, leading all 100 laps. A victory in the first series race, which was run in conjunction with the Georgia Asphalt Series, was disqualified by series officials.

Saturday night, Davis led 19 Pro Late Models in qualifying. Starting straight up, Davis grabbed the lead at the start and never looked back. Ronnie Sanders trailed Davis early in the race before Frank King took up the challenge on lap seven.

On lap 23, Bubba Pollard moved ahead of King to move into second. Andy Pugh followed King to take third. At the halfway point, Davis led Pollard, Pugh, Sanders, and King. Pollard chased Davis the rest of the race, but was never able to mount a serious challenge to take the lead. Sanders was able to work his way past Pugh on lap 61 to take over the third spot.

Sanders leads the series points battle by 30 over Pugh, King, Davis, and BJ Holley round out the top five in the points battle.

Heath Mills ran away from the field to win the Super Stock Feature. Mills started on the pole and grabbed the lead at the start. Ryan Redmon dropped in behind Mills and followed the Opp driver all race. Mills was too strong for Redmon on this night and pulled away from the field. Mills beat Redmon to the line by several car lengths to take the win. Redmon dropped in from the seventh starting spot to finish third.

In the Vintage Feature, Phillip Anderson led all 25 laps but had to hold off a determined Darrell Rudd to take the win. Rudd kept the pressure on Anderson all

the way. Herndon Buie came from the tenth starting spot to take third. For more information, contact the track at (334) 563-3539, or visit the track's web site at www.southalabamiaspeedway.com.

Results:

Pro Late Model Viper Series
Copperhead 100

1. Steven Davis
2. Bubba Pollard
3. Ronnie Sanders

Super Stock

1. Heath Mills
2. Ryan Redmon
3. Buddy Pitts

Vintage

1. Phillip Anderson
2. Darrell Rudd
3. Teddy Sasser

Roadrunner

1. Charles Gardner
2. Billy Maxie
3. John Singletary

Coyote

1. Chris Slater Jr.
2. Lee Phillips
3. Lee Monaghan

Mini Sportsman

1. Eddie Hinson
2. Jeremy Geddings
3. Herndon Buie

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CLASS 3A, REGION 2

	2005 Record	Points Scored	Average	Points Allowed	Average
Abbeville	3-7	158	15.8	345	34.5
Dale County	0-10	89	8.9	333	33.3
Elba	5-6	280	25.5	281	25.5
Geneva	11-2	389	29.9	142	10.9
Headland	5-5	189	18.9	254	25.4
Pike County	15-0	690	46.0	77	5.1
Slocumb	5-6	158	14.4	207	18.8
Straughn	6-5	238	21.6	213	19.4

New region alignments create new rivalries for area football teams

The Alabama High School Athletic Association realigns its member schools every two years based upon student enrollment, and this year's changes resulted in changes to the regions in football for all area teams.

Following is a preview of this year's region alignments:

CLASS 3A, REGION 2

The Elba Tigers returned to the Class 3A ranks this season and were placed in perhaps the toughest region in the state in 3A circles. The Tigers, which posted a 5-6 record last season as a 2A contender, will have to play their best every time they hit the field in an eight-team region that includes Pike County, Geneva, Straughn, Slocumb, Headland, Dale County and Abbeville. Pike County is the defending state champion in the 3A ranks and last season pounded any and all challengers as the Bulldogs rolled to a 15-0 record and scored an average of 46 points a game, while allowing an average of only 5.1 points. Geneva has been a long time 4A power and a year ago the Panthers posted an 11-2 state while averaging almost 30 points a game and allowing only 11, while Straughn had an unusual off-year as the Tigers struggled to a 6-5 record. Headland continued to turn its program around last season and posted a 5-5 slate, while the remaining teams all failed to post winning records as Slocumb finished the season at 5-6, Abbeville at 3-7 and Dale County at 0-10. Pike County will be the obvious pick to be

the team to beat in the region, while Geneva could challenge the Bulldogs for the top spot and Straughn will also be a likely pick to make the top three. Teams expected to battle for the fourth spot and a playoff berth include Elba, Headland and Slocumb.

CLASS 2A, REGION 2

The New Brockton Gamecocks remained at home in the 2A ranks and should once again be in the hunt for a playoff berth as the Gamecocks are one of only four teams in the region that posted winning records a year ago. Defending region champ Houston Academy will once again be the team to beat as the Raiders look to improve on last year's 11-1 record and scoring average of over 41 points a game, while Cottonwood is always a 2A power and the Bears are also expected to be at the top of the standings after posting a 9-4 mark a year ago and outscoring its victims by almost 21 points a game. Houston County should be a 6-5 record last year, but should be rebuilding, while the Gamecocks had a 6-4 record last season and should be hungry for a return to the playoffs after a two-year absence. Weeching (4-6) and G.W. Long (4-7) could make noise in the region was this season and should be much improved, as should Geneva County (2-8). Samson struggled to a 1-9 mark last season and should struggle again this year in a very competitive region. Houston Academy will be the pick to finish atop the standings in this region, while

Cottonwood could challenge, followed by New Brockton, Houston County and G.W. Long.

CLASS 1A, REGION 2

The Brantley Bulldogs have dominated region play for the past four years and this season should be no different as the Class 1A state runner-up Bulldogs look to avenge the loss in last year's title contest. The Bulldogs averaged over 36 points a game a year ago and allowed less than 10, and with the bulk of that team back on the field, this season is the one the Brantley fans have been looking forward to for years. Florida posted a 10-2 mark a year ago and scored over 45 points a game, but the Wildcats must start over again after being hit hard by graduation, and this season should have to battle with the Arton Purple Cats for the #2 spot in the region and the home field advantage in the playoffs. The Cats posted an 8-3 slate last season and averaged almost 24 points a game, while allowing only 13.4. Zion Chapel has placed fourth in the region the past two seasons and after posting a 6-5 record last season could be ready to make a major jump and seem to have a solid shot at moving near the top in the standings. Kinston (4-6) allowed over 32 points a game last season and missed the playoffs by one game, while Pleasant Home (2-8) struggled throughout the season and was outscored by over 20 points a game by its opponents. McKenzie has a new coach and has to be better than last year's 0-10 team that scored only 46 points in ten games and allowed 466, and Providence Christian will round out the eight-team region as it plays its first varsity season ever. Brantley will be the prohibitive pick to remain the top team in this region, while the #2 spot looks up for grabs as Florida, Arton and Zion Chapel all appear ready to fight for the runner-up position.

CLASS 2A, REGION 2

	2005 Record	Points Scored	Average	Points Allowed	Average
Cottonwood	9-4	443	34.1	171	13.2
Geneva County	2-8	164	16.4	363	36.3
Houston Academy	11-1	497	41.4	140	11.7
Houston County	6-5	238	23.8	215	21.5
G.W. Long	4-7	196	17.8	273	24.8
New Brockton	6-4	220	22.0	140	14.0
Samson	1-9	97	9.7	439	43.9
Wicksburg	4-6	150	15.0	236	23.6

CLASS 1A, REGION 2

	2005 Record	Points Scored	Average	Points Allowed	Average
Ariton	8-3	262	23.8	47	13.4
Brantley	13-2	546	36.4	148	9.9
Florida	10-2	544	45.3	121	10.1
Kinston	4-6	143	14.3	321	32.1
McKenzie	0-10	46	4.6	466	46.6
Pleasant Home	2-8	142	14.2	346	34.6
Providence Ch.	0-0	0	0	0	0
Zion Chapel	6-5	274	24.9	256	23.3

By state sports writers

Brantley and Pike County picked #1 in preseason high school football poll

The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its preseason high school football poll last week and included in the "Top 10" in the six classifications were seven teams from the Wiregrasses, while eight other area teams also received votes from the statewide panel.

2005 Class 1A state runner-up Brantley was picked #1 in the 1A poll, while defending state champion, Pike County (Class 3A) was picked atop the 3A standings. Other teams making the standings included Houston Academy (5th in Class 2A), Eufaula (7th in Class 5A), Andalusia (9th in Class 4A), Geneva (8th in Class 3A) and Cottonwood (10th in Class 2A).

Area teams receiving votes included Class 6A - Enterprise, Class 5A - Carroll, of Ozark, and Charles Henderson, of Troy; Class 3A - Straughn, Slocumb and Elba; Class 1A - Florida and Arton.

Following is the complete list of the preseason standings in all six classifications:

CLASS 6A
1. Hoover, 2. Daphne, 3. Prattville, 4. Davidson, 5. Tuscaloosa County, 6. Homewood, 7. Opelika, 8. Foley, 9. Murphy, 10. Oak Mountain

CLASS 5A
1. Russellville, 2. UMS-Wright, 3. Decatur, 4. Benjamin Russell, 5. Briarwood Christian, 6.

Athens, 7. Eufaula, 8. B.C. Moore, 9. Demopolis, 10. Etowah.

CLASS 4A
1. Dethier, 2. North Jackson, 3. Thomasville, 4. T.R. Miller, 5. Alexandria, 6. Cherokee County, 7. Oneonta, 8. East Limestone, 9. Andalusia, 10. Trinity.

CLASS 3A
1. Pike County, 2. Clay County, 3. Colbert County, 4. Winfield, 5. Alcoville, 6. Weaver, 7. Hokes Bluff, 8. Geneva, 9. Madison Academy, 10. Susan

CLASS 2A
1. Southern Choctaw, 2. Lineville, 3. Leroy, 4. Fayette, 5. Houston Academy, 6. Addison, 7. Tanner, 8. Randolph County, 9. American Christian, 10. Cottonwood.

CLASS 1A
1. Brantley, 2. Sweet Water, 3. Wadley, 4. Cedar Bluff, 5. Mableville, 6. Underhill, 7. Hackleburg, 8. Autaugaville, 9. Hazlewood, 10. R.A. Hubbard.



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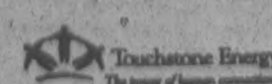
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COMMUNITY NEWS

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\$45,000 to try and acquire the Armory. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the council. Council members also voted unanimously to approve the low bidder for the demolition grant. Cole said the low bidder was Danny's Dozer and Excavator Service of Elba at \$19,500 for the 10 houses in Phase I of the project.

Upon the recommendation of Police Chief Dale Grimes, council members voted to accept the resignation of officer Jonathon Morgan. Grimes said the officer resigned citing personal reasons.

Council member Richard Driskell reported to council

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the architect to prepare a projected budget for the project. Her recommendation was unanimously approved by board members.

Carpet bids were opened during the day Thursday, Aug. 3, and Dr. Ingram told board members the low bid came from Dawkins Carpet and Floorcovering at \$13.58 per square yard. She said the bid was for a commercial grade indoor/outdoor carpet.

Ingram said the main areas in need of carpet replacement at the schools include the Kinston library, New Brockton band room, Zion Chapel High School library, hallway at Zion Chapel and home economics department at Kinston. She also said

other rooms in need of carpet may be added to the project. Board members approved the low bid for the carpet.

Personnel changes recommended by the superintendent and approved by board members during the meeting included:

- Employ Jackie Sanders as a kindergarten teacher at Zion Chapel School.
- Employ Janet Hendricks as a part-time CNP coordinator.
- Approve catastrophic leave for Shasta Arnett.

Accept the voluntary resignation of Jennifer Piland as CNP coordinator and reassign her duties in the central office.

Coffee County woman indicted on welfare fraud charges

Attorney General Troy King Tuesday, Aug. 8, announced developments in several welfare fraud prosecutions ongoing in the Wiregrass area, and promised that his Family Protection Unit will continue to fight such crimes that exploit public funds that should be reserved for the poor and vulnerable citizens of Alabama.

Among these cases is a 25-count indictment of a Coffee County woman on charges of stealing \$11,611 in welfare benefits and possession of a document with a forgery of the probate judge's signature.

"Accountability in state government begins with being a good steward of taxpayers' funds," Attorney General King said. "When people lie to receive welfare benefits to which they are not entitled, they are committing a crime against the State, the taxpaying public, and those who are truly deserving of welfare benefits. I take seriously my responsibility as Attorney General to protect public funds on behalf of the people of Alabama and pledge to prosecute those who break the law by abusing the welfare system."

Judy Calhoun Thomas, also known as Judie A. Thomas, 55, of Elba, was arrested on June 30 and served with a 25-count indictment that included a charge that she had illegal pos-

session of a document with a forgery of the signature of Coffee County Probate Judge William O. Gammill. The Attorney General's Office presented evidence to a Coffee County grand jury, resulting in an indictment returned against Thomas on May 24. She is charged with one count of first-degree theft of EBT or food stamp benefits from April 2000 through September 2005 in the amount of \$11,611 by misrepresenting her household income and/or composition and/or rental payments. This is a class B felony, punishable by two to 20 years and up to \$10,000 fine.

Additionally, she is charged with 23 counts of second-degree possession of a forged instrument. The indictment charges that she filed documents with DHR, with the knowledge that these documents contained forged signatures of various individuals including a forged document purported to have been signed by Coffee County Probate Judge William O. Gammill. The second-degree forgery charges are class C felonies, each count punishable by one to 10 years and fine up to \$5,000.

The indictment also includes a 25th count that charges Thomas with first-degree identity theft by using identifying information without the victim's authorization to obtain goods or services greater than \$500. This is a class C felony punishable by one to 10 years and up to a \$5,000 fine.

Additional scenes from Zion Chapel's Academic Pep Rally

LEADING THE STUDENTS...The Varsity Cheerleaders had several chores during the Academic Pep Rally. Above, they are shown leading the high school students in singing the school's Alma Mater.

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Graduates, other students who attended the school and friends of Warren Smith School in New Brockton collected recently for a hearty meal and reunion with friends. The event was held at the New Brockton Senior Center. The event is held every other year. The school only graduated students during the years of 1957 to 1969. Prior to that time they transferred to other schools, including Elba's Mulberry School, for their high school classes. After 1969 Warren Smith school was closed and the students began attending New Brockton schools. The former classmates were welcomed by New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole, who attended the school but was a graduate of the Mulberry school in Elba (where he excelled on the basketball court) before going on to graduate from college and become a highly successful basketball coach. A presentation is made at each reunion to a former student who has excelled in his or her profession. This year the award was presented to the artist Chester Higgins, Jr. Mr. Higgins, a widely published photographer, is the author of several photo collections, including one that is in depth look at African Diaspora, published in 1994. His work has appeared in *Look, Life, Newsweek, Fortune, Ebony, Essence, Black Enterprise, GEO, and Archaeology*.



ZADIE BOUYER CELEBRATES HER 102 BIRTHDAY...Mrs. Zadie Bouyer celebrated her 102nd birthday July 27, 2006 at the home of her daughter, Chris Jacobs, with a cook-out. Many family members and friends were there to help her celebrate her special day. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch including birthday cake and homemade ice cream.



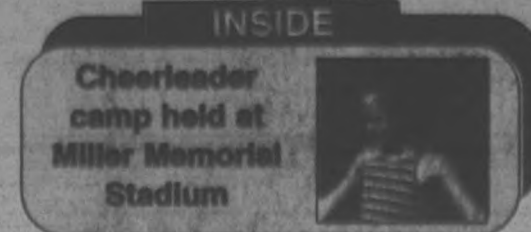
FIRST 12 DAYS OF SCHOOL...Several teachers served as entertainers during Academic Pep Rally as they presented a musical skit. The 12 teachers took a familiar Christmas song and changed it to fit the school theme. Instead of the "12 Days of Christmas," the teachers sang their version of "The First 12 Days of School." The students seemed to find it quite comical as the teachers offered a variety of school excuses as lyrics for their tune.



STUDENTS CHANT "I WANT CANDY" as the Varsity Cheerleaders throw the sweet treats into the stands during the Academic Pep Rally.

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Teamwork leads to capture and arrest of two suspects by Elba police officers

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The community and police working together proved effective last week when two Elba men were arrested for breaking and entering of a motor vehicle.

Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey said a concerned and observant citizen called the Elba Police Department shortly after 10 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, to report suspicious activity involving two individuals

sneaking around vehicles. He said Officer Tim Jeter quickly responded to the scene and his diligence along with good information provided by the concerned citizen led to Jeter locating and capturing one of the two suspects.

Arrested by Officer Jeter at the scene was Cary Anthony Williams, age 38, of Elba. He was charged with "unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, possession of a

controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia." Hanchey said information from the concerned citizen also helped officers realize the second suspect had managed to flee the scene before they could locate him. However, he said this follow-up investigation by Investigator Tony Harrison and other third shift personnel led to the arrest of the second suspect the following day.

On Wednesday, Aug. 9, Hanchey said Justin Dorsett Knight, age 18, of Elba was arrested and charged with unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle.

Chief Hanchey credits good teamwork in the capture of these two suspects, and he said this is a good example of the community and police working together to keep Elba safe and prevent criminals from being successful in their attempt to break the law.

Hanchey said he encouraged all citizens to watch for suspicious activity and/or persons and to not hesitate reporting such activity. He said this case is proof that community involvement does work.

To report a crime or suspicious activity, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555.

Elba Police Department planning Women's Safety Course for October

Community involvement continues to be a priority for the Elba Police Department, and members of the department are working to finalize plans to sponsor a Women's Safety Course.

Chief Freddy Hanchey said the course most likely will be conducted in mid-October; however, he needs those interested in participating to sign up now. Women interested in participating should call Chief Hanchey at the Elba Police Department (897-2555) before Saturday, Sept. 30.

The course will include

instruction on firearm safety and personal safety with both classroom and hands-on training.

"We've had several people mention the possibility of interest in this, and we feel like it will be a good program," Hanchey said.

The class size will be limited to 20-24 people, therefore, those interested need to contact Chief Hanchey as soon as possible. If enough interest is generated, more than one course session may be conducted.

Again, the deadline to sign up for this course is Saturday, Sept. 30th.

Elba City Council passes resolutions and receives update regarding Elba Community Playground project

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday evening and in fairly rapid succession approved several resolutions dealing with the proposed playground park and one adopting the state approved cost of living adjustments (COLA) for retired city employees.

Mayor James Grimes reviewed the monthly financial statement and presented the bills for payment. Grimes also reported the latest decision on recommended repair work on the Caroline Street bridge.

Laurie Chapman, representing the playground park committee, updated council members on the status of the new park to be constructed on the site of the old high school. She reviewed the financial status of the project, confirmed pledges and those commercial firm pledges which are still pending approval from home offices.

The park will be constructed of plastic, rather than wood as first proposed. The additional cost will be \$50,000 but Chapman noted the durability of the plastic, no need for annual staining and repairs, etc., will make the additional investment a long range savings. The total estimated cost of the facility is now at \$186,000.

The City of Elba approved a resolution to apply for a \$100,000 line of credit at a local

bank on behalf of the local chapter of Kiwanis to complete the playground park. Kiwanis is the sponsoring agency for the new park. The resolution reads that the local chapter of Kiwanis will reimburse the City from money that will be raised from grants, donations and other fund raising efforts.

The City of Elba is applying for an ADECA matching grant to fund portions of the new park. This will include shoring up the facade (old high school front entrance), construction of bathrooms and the proposed amphitheater. City officials have a meeting scheduled in Montgomery later this month to follow up on the grant application.

Another resolution approved by the city keeps Elba under the provisions of Section 2 of Act 510 of the 2006 session of the Alabama legislature. This deals with a cost of living increase for retired employees covered under the Alabama Retirement System. The raises are effective on October 1, 2006.

Grimes presented the city's budget figures through June. He noted that as predicted at the last meeting, income is down \$300,000 below first of the year projections. The drop is reflected in lower sales tax, gas district transfers, an adjustment (to correct past mistakes) in telephone franchise funds, and a \$45,000 reduction in transfers from the Water and Electric Board.

The mayor noted that expens-

es have been kept in better balance than in previous years, but at being only \$1,000 over budget at this time. This is in spite of the record increase cost of vehi-

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by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners voted Monday, Aug. 14, during the regular bimonthly meeting to approve a new architect for the Zion Chapel Senior Citizens Center building project.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook said two proposals were received from architects for the project, and she recommended using Joey Bradley for the project. Commissioner J.L. Weeks said he would like to extend that to also use Bradley for the NRCS office expansion project.

Making a motion and second to that effect, the matter was open for discussion, and Commissioner Doug Dalrymple said Joey Bradley was the architect used for the Mount Pleasant Senior Center project and there still remains problems at that facility. Westbrook said the county already is under an extension of October to get this project going, therefore, she said she felt they needed to move on it.

She said the project began with another architect that was



SEVERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS GATHERED Thursday morning, Aug. 10, to get a first-hand look at the progress being made Lower Curtis Road in Elba and Coffee County Road 404 in Coffee County. This project includes the construction of turn lanes, an access road to the Elba Industrial Park and resurfacing. Those in attendance last Thursday morning expressed excitement to see this project moving and said this should go a long way in making the road safer for motorists. Officials shown at the job site include (from left) Senator Jimmy Holley, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Coffee County Commissioner Linda Westbrook and Representative Terry Spicer.

Caution urged on Lower Curtis Road/County Road 404 \$1.6 million road project under construction

Work began recently on Lower Curtis Road in Elba/County Road 404 in Coffee County thus leading officials to urge motorists to use caution when traveling in this area.

The project includes the construction of turn lanes on Lower Curtis Road (packing house road) and the construction of Kelley Way, an access road to the Elba Industrial Park. As for the County Road 404 portion, the project will allow for resurfacing of the roadway.

Coffee County engineer Randy Tindell said drivers

should use extreme caution when traveling through this work zone if possible, he said drivers should avoid traveling this road while construction is underway.

Funding for the project was made available through the efforts of Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer from the Alabama Industrial Access Bonding Authority with Coffee County being awarded \$1.6 million for the project.

The project includes 4.4 miles of roadway, and Tindell said it is a big safety addition. A high percentage of the vehicles using the

road are 18-wheelers, and the additional turn lane will give these trucks an extra lane to maneuver.

Lower Curtis Road/County Road 404 serves as a connector route from Alabama Highway 189 south of Elba to Alabama Highway 141 at Curtis. The route serves a portion of the Elba Industrial Park and is the primary access to three area industries - Alabama River Woodlands Chip Mill, Kelley Foods of Alabama and Pope Brothers Truss Company.

The project is scheduled to be complete in February 2007.

Coffee County Commission approves new architect for ZC Senior Center project

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Unable to get bids for the project, upon requesting proposals for a new architect, she said the county received two proposals, and Joey Bradley was the best of the two.

Westbrook said he also was the architect on the Pine Level and Damascus Senior Centers

and to her knowledge there was no problem at those facilities. However, she did acknowledge the problems at Mount Pleasant. Commissioners voted in favor of hiring Joey Bradley as the architect for the projects. Commissioner Dalrymple cast the lone opposing vote.

Laurie Chapman, general coordinator of the Elba Community Playground project, publicly thanked them for the help

the county provided in getting the site ready for the playground to be built in September. She said there is still much work to be done to get ready for the build week, but on Monday, she was at the meeting only to thank the county.

County resident Sherry Perdue briefly addressed commissioners. Before, Perdue spoke, Commissioner Westbrook said she had agreed to meet with commissioners at the next working group session regarding abandoned and abused animals within the county.

"I'm here again about the abandoned and abused animals in the county," Perdue said. "We still need help."

Perdue said she knows some

people in the county do not want to lock up or cage their animals, and that is their choice. She said her main concern is the abandoned and abused animals, and she is asking the county for help in controlling this.

In other business, Commissioners voted to adopt the statewide mutual aid agreement and voted to adopt an agreement with the local volunteer firefighters association in regards to mutual aid.

Commissioners voted to give county engineer Randy Tindell permission to send out bids for annual bids, and voted to give Tindell permission to purchase a pickup truck off the

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Area Happenings

ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will hold Open House Monday, Aug. 21, at 6 p.m. for all parents to come and attend to meet the teachers.

THE 100 ANNUAL "JACK DAY FESTIVAL" will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, at Green Memorial Stadium on the campus of Zion Chapel High School from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

FANS OF THE ELBA MARCHING TIGER BAND can support the Elba band program by becoming a member of the "Marching Tiger Black & Gold Club." With a club membership, the supporter will be given a membership card entitling him/her to "free meal deal" at every regular season home game. In addition, the supporter's name will be listed in the football program as a "Marching Tiger Black & Gold Club" member. To join, see Pam Baker at Elba High School, or contact Vickie Bailey at 897-3320.

Laurie Chapman addresses Elba City Council members regarding the playground project.



Officer Brian Lusher

Lusher enjoys fishing, and Debra Samuel and has two brothers, Jason and Alan Samuel. He is the son of Glenn Samuel.